



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,  
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM  
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.  
*EPH 2:8-9*

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Palm Sunday



## From the Lips of Children

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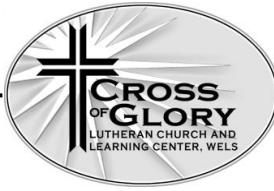
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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship.

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## THE PROCESSION

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**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

**M:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C:** **Hosanna in the highest!**

### PSALM 118

**M:** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**All:** **his love endures forever.**



**M:** Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
**Women:** **I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

**M:** This is the gate of the LORD  
**Men:** **through which the righteous may enter.**

**M:** O LORD save us; O LORD, grant us success.  
**All:** **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.**  
**From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

**M:** The LORD is God,  
**Women:** **and he has made his light shine on us.**

**M:** With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give you thanks;  
**Men:** **you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

**All:** **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;**  
**his love endures forever.**

**M:** Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how  
Jesus entered Jerusalem and was  
welcomed as a king by those who  
shouted "Hosanna" and spread their  
clothing and palm branches in his  
path. Accept our praise, and listen to  
our prayers as we rejoice in our  
triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your  
Son, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Let us go forth in peace,  
**C:** **In the name of the Lord.**

**Blessed is  
the king  
who comes  
in the name  
of the Lord!**

**Luke 19.38**



***The procession begins. During the procession, the Sunday School children sing the hymn “No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet” (CWS 716).***

*1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet With banners and with drums,  
No sound of music's martial beat: “The King of glory comes!”  
To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring,  
No city gates swing open wide: “Behold, behold your King!”*

*2 And yet he comes. The children cheer; With palms his path is strown.  
With ev'ry step the cross draws near: The King of glory's throne.  
Astride a colt he passes by As loud hosannas ring,  
Or else the very stones would cry, “Behold, behold your King!”*

*3 What fading flow'rs his road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries. The streets with tumult ring,  
As Pilate to the mob replies, “Behold, behold your King!”*

*4 Now he who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its pains  
And chose a servant's form to take, The King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior's name Till heaven's rafters ring,  
And all the ransomed host proclaim, “Behold, behold your King!”*

***STAND***

**M:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C:** Hosanna in the highest!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**C:** Amen.

***BE SEATED***

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# THE WORD

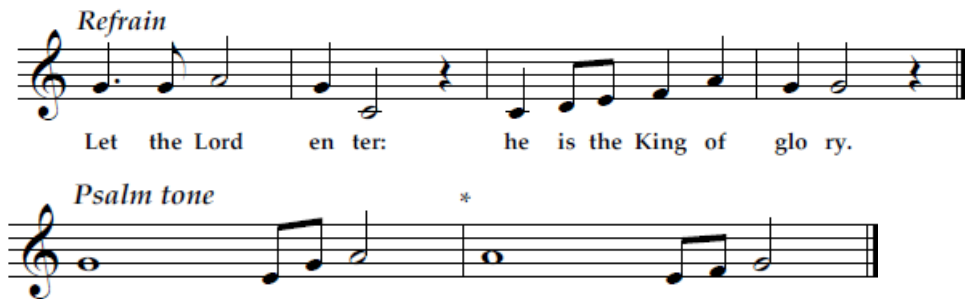
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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON.....Zechariah 9:9-10

*Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.<sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

### PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 24



**M:** The earth is the LORD's, and every'thing in it, \*

**C:** the world, and all who 'live in it;

**M:** for he founded it up'on the seas \*

**C:** and established it upon the 'waters.

**M:** Who may ascend the hill 'of the LORD? \*

**C:** Who may stand in his 'holy place?

**M:** He who has clean hands and a 'pure heart, \*

**C:** he will receive blessing from God his 'Savior.

**Refrain**

**M:** Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you 'ancient doors, \*

**C:** that the King of glory 'may come in.

**M:** Who is this King of 'glory? \*

**C:** The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in 'battle.

**M:** Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you 'ancient doors, \*

**C:** that the King of glory 'may come in.

**M:** Who is he, this King of 'glory? \*

**C:** The LORD Almighty-- he is the King of 'glory.

**C:** Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son \*

and to the Holy 'Spirit,

as it was in the be'ginning, \*

is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

*Refrain*

## **SECOND LESSON.....Philippians 2:5-11**

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,<sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

## **VERSE OF THE DAY.....John 12:23**

**M:** The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

## **GOSPEL.....Matthew 21:7-16**

<sup>7</sup> *They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.*

<sup>8</sup> *A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.* <sup>9</sup> *The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"* <sup>10</sup> *When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"* <sup>11</sup> *The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."*

*Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.<sup>13</sup> "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.'"*<sup>14</sup> *The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.<sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant.<sup>16</sup> "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "'From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise'?"*

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord!  
**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY.....All Glory Laud and Honor (CW #131)**  
**SERMON: Matthew 21:7-16 - “Let All the People Praise You!”**

*STAND*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

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**THANKSGIVING**

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**THE OFFERING**

*The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

STAND

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR PALM SUNDAY

**M:** Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior.

**C:** **Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us.**

**M:** Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place. Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

**C:** **Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations.**

**M:** Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil. Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

**C:** **Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail.**

**M:** Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

**C:** **Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.**



## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

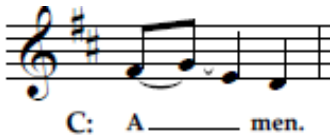
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**HYMN**.....**Hosanna! Loud Hosanna (CW #130)**

*STAND*

## PRAYER

**M:** O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN**.....**Go, My Children, with My Blessing (CW # 332)**

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MEASURE OF LOVE**

Last Sunday's Attendance : Worship: 37; Communion: 27.  
Offerings to the Lord: General Fund -\$1733.

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY (APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>) - 6:30 P.M.**



We gather to commemorate the night on which Jesus was betrayed--the night he instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Following the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the service concludes with a solemn stripping of the altar.

## **GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>) - 7 P.M.**



In our Good Friday Tenebrae Service, candles are extinguished one by one as we hear the Savior's words from the cross. The service ends in complete darkness and a loud sound (*strepitus*) reminds us of the closing of the tomb.

## **EASTER VIGIL (APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>) - 8 P.M.**



As we have done the past two years, we will be holding an Easter Vigil service on Saturday night. This ancient service begins around a new fire kindled outside and continues with a candlelit processional into the darkened church. We remember our Baptism, our Savior God, and his death. The second half of the service bursts forth in Easter joy as we begin the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. Easter Holy Communion is served.

## **EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE (APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>) - 10:30 A.M. (BREAKFAST STARTING AT 9)**



This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Our 10:30 service on Easter Sunday is a celebration of Christ's resurrection victory. We sing the great Easter hymns of the church with a variety of musical accompaniment. We hear the Easter message of hope and joy.